PBC bans early retirement

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ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: Radio Pakistan has decided that its employees in the engineering section will not be allowed to go on early retirement, deputation abroad or long leave beyond 30 days.

This decision was taken at the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation Board of Directors meeting in order to meet the crisis created by its fast depleting ban on recruitment.

It may be pointed out that because of ban on recruitment, PBC is facing acute shortage of trained engineers to man its round-the clock broadcasting operations and at present about 125 posts of the engineering cadre are lying vacant out of the sanctioned strength of 342 posts.

The situation has increased the load of work on the existing staff still further as they are also required to share the work of new stations opened in Larkana, Khuzdar, Loralai and Zhob in recent years.

The same depleted strength of the engineering staff is also operating PBC's newly launched FM-101 service from Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad.